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## **Mission Statement**

The Commission functions to promote and assist in the development and implementation of recreation and leisure services for individuals with disabilities in the communities of New Jersey by:

- Increasing awareness of the leisure needs of individuals through the provision of: public awareness projects; workshops and Annual Governor's Conference; promotional materials; speakers and informational sources; best practices/recognition via awards presented at the Annual Governor's Conference, held in the spring
- Building leisure resources and programs in the communities by: technical assistance to agencies, officials and community practitioners; organizing resource networks of advocates, parents, people with disabilities, consumers, and professionals; fostering interagency communication and cooperation; bringing professionals, advocates, consumers, and family members together to share information
- Promoting the coordination of efforts by state and local agencies in such matters as policy-making, operational guidelines, and legislation pertinent to recreation services for individuals with disabilities



## **Standing Committees**

### **Legislation/Issues**

- Identifies, researches, and reviews issues and legislation critical to the provision of recreation/leisure services
- Provides recommendations for legislative and regulatory action regarding identified issues and problems
- Implements procedures for promotion/advocacy

### **Education/Training Committee**

- Identifies the education/training needs of citizens and professionals in New Jersey and plans educational programs/workshops to meet these needs
- Researches and identifies "model" recreation programs for persons with disabilities for observation and training purposes
- Plans and implements the annual Governor's Conference on Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities

### **Advocacy/Networking**

- Identifies and implements processes and projects to promote recreation for individuals with disabilities
- Promotes the coordination of efforts between and among state and local agencies
- Identifies and coordinates the public relation efforts of the Commission
- Identifies potential Commission members

